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Applicants : Jun ABE, et al. **Confirmation No. 8815**
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For: : METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING GLASS BASE MATERIAL,
GLASS BASE MATERIAL AND OPTICAL FIBER

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2004 was due August 4, 2004. A Petition for Extension of Time (one month, large entity) is enclosed, extending the date to September 7, 2004 (September 4, 2004 being a Saturday and September 6, 2004 being a national holiday). Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed and fully responsive.

Kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows: